

## Freshman/Transfer Frequently Asked Questions:

### **Admissions and Immigration Document Questions**

1. How do I apply to Georgia Tech as an undergraduate F-1 student?
  - a. You can apply to Georgia Tech in one of two ways: either as a new international student or as a transfer international student
    - i. New international student
      1. <http://www.admission.gatech.edu/international/freshmanint>
    - ii. Transfer international student
      1. <http://www.admission.gatech.edu/international/transferint/>
2. What are the necessary immigration documents to enter the U.S. as an F-1 student at Georgia Tech?
  - a. I-20 issued by Georgia Tech
    - i. The I-20 is a legal document that contains your personal information, school information, financial information, and program of study information
  - b. F-1 Student visa- this is a visa issued at a US embassy outside the US
  - c. Passport
3. When do I get my I-20?
  - a. OIE follows a process in issuing all I-20s. For undergraduate students, the process begins with the undergraduate admissions office:
    - i. You apply and get accepted to Georgia Tech.
    - ii. Undergraduate admissions contacts you to submit your financial documents
    - iii. Once the admission deposit is received, Undergraduate Admissions checks the financials documents and forwards them to OIE
    - iv. OIE emails you for further information
    - v. You answer the email either as a new international student or an F-1 transfer student
    - vi. Typically, the I-20 is sent out within five business days from the student's response to the email. You will receive an email when the I-20 is sent out so that you are aware of the tracking number.
4. Can you express mail the I-20?
  - a. The I-20 is sent via DHL if you give us an international mailing address. This service usually takes less than 2 weeks and is paid for by OIE. If you provide us a US mailing address, the I-20 will be held for you at OIE until your arrival on campus unless you are leaving the U.S. before beginning studies at Georgia Tech. You will receive an email when the I-20 is sent out so that you are aware of the tracking number.
5. Can I change or update the information I have already sent to you such as name changes, citizenship changes etc?

- a. Yes, you can update both the Office of International Education and the Undergraduate Office if there are any changes to your information.
  - b. For a name change, please update the registrar's office
  - c. For a citizenship change, please provide documentation of new country of citizenship to the undergraduate admissions office
6. Can I defer my admissions to another semester?
- a. No, Georgia Tech does not allow undergraduate applications to be deferred to another semester. If you cannot attend Georgia Tech in the semester you have applied, you will need to reapply.

### **Financial Questions**

7. What are the fees for the year?
- a. The fees are listed on the Bursar's website: <http://www.bursar.gatech.edu/tuiandfee.php>
8. Can I receive a scholarship?
- a. F-1 students do not receive any financial aid from Georgia Tech. You need to make arrangements to show the full amount of tuition and fees.
9. Can I apply for financial aid after coming to Georgia Tech?
- a. There is no financial aid offered to International students at Georgia Tech. You would need to investigate private loans and scholarships if you are interested in financial aid.
  - b. To apply for most loans, you will either need to be an American citizen or have a US citizen/permanent resident co-sign your loan.
10. How do I pay my fees?
- a. You may pay your fees online at <http://www.bursar.gatech.edu/billpayment.php>

### **Orientation and Registration**

11. What is FASET?
- a. FASET, which stands for "Familiarization and Adaptation to the Surroundings and Environs of Tech," is Georgia Tech's orientation program for new undergraduate students (freshmen and transfers) as well as their parents, family members, and guests. Please note that it is strongly suggested that all F-1 undergraduate students attend FASET so that they may get their advisor and registration information. In addition to FASET, all F-1 students also need to attend OIE's mandatory orientation.
12. How do I register for FASET?
- a. You may register for FASET by following the instructions on the following site: <http://faset.gatech.edu/plugins/content/index.php?id=7>

13. Why is there a hold on my account?

- a. When you log into OSCAR to register for classes, you may have a hold on your account for one of several reasons. The reason for the hold is listed within your account. Please review the typical holds below to determine what hold you have on your account:
  - i. OIE Check in: Hold put on your account until you have physically checked in with OIE in Savant building. Please bring all your immigration documents (I-94, Georgia Tech I-20 and passport) when you check in.
  - ii. Infirmary/ Immunization\*: You need to complete and turn in your completed health forms and certificate of immunization before you can register for classes.

14. How do I complete my immunization forms?

- a. Please refer to the Health Center website for information at:  
[http://www.health.gatech.edu/policies\\_procedures/international.htm](http://www.health.gatech.edu/policies_procedures/international.htm)